SISTER ANGELANTONIA DIANA

June 27, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. McCarran, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5591]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 5591) for the relief of Sister Angelantonia Diana, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Sister Angelantonia Diana. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 60-year-old native and citizen of Italy who last entered the United States as a visitor on July 29, 1950. She has been a Roman Catholic nun since 1911 and is presently doing nursing duty at a day nursery in Newark, N. J. under supervision of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth.

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A letter dated March 6, 1952, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

MARCH 6, 19521

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER.

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Chairman: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 5591) for the relief of Sister Angelantonia Diana, an alien. The bill would grant the alien permanent residence in the United States.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that the alien, who was born on August 18, 1891, is a native and citizen of Italy. She arrived in the United States at the port of New York on July 29, 1950, and was admitted as a visitor until September 28, 1950. She has been a Roman Catholic nun since 1911 and is presently assigned, as a day nurse, to the Holy Rosary Day Nursery, Newark, N. J., under supervision of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth. She does not receive any compensation from her order but is furnished with food, lodging, clothing, and supplies. She taught in various Italian elementary and kindergarten schools and worked as a children's nurse in two hospitals in Italy She was at one time assigned to Naples. Italy, as Mother Superior. She has a brother residing in Italy and a sister who lives in the United States.

Other members of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth in Newark, N. J., stated that there is a pressing need by the order for day nurses in the United States and that the alien is ideally equipped by training, experience, and education to perform her varied duties.

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The quota for Italy, to which the alien is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable. In the absence of special legislation she will be unable to remain in the United States for an indefinite period of time.

Whether, under the circumstances in this case, the general provisions of the immigration laws should be waived presents a question of legislative policy concerning which this Department prefers not to make any recommendation. Sincerely.

A. DEVITT VANECH, Deputy Attorney General.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 5591) should be enacted: